

February Classes on Wednesday Nights

February 5th – Family Abuse Services

Family Abuse Services, Inc. (*formerly* Franklin County Council on Family Abuse) has been in existence for nearly 20 years and was created to break the cycle of family violence in Franklin County, Kentucky by establishing emergency housing and emergency assistance for victims of family violence. In 1998 Family Abuse Services acquired SOLACE, our safe house, and have been housing victims of domestic violence and elder abuse ever since. We are often confused with the Women's Shelter or the Simon House. However, we are neither of these. We are the only family abuse shelter here in Frankfort and Franklin County. When funding permits, we maintain a staff of 3-4 employees including an Executive Director, Caseworker, Volunteer Coordinator and Property Managers. In addition to our staff, we are run by a Board of Directors and utilize volunteers in as many areas as possible. Our contact information is: Family Abuse Services, P.O Box 4012, Frankfort, KY 40604, (502) 229-6116.

Speaker

Ms. Samuella Daum or just "Sam" as she is often referred has been involved with **Family Abuse Services**, (*formerly* Franklin County Council on Family Abuse) in one way or another since 2008. She was raised not too far away in the neighboring state of Tennessee and prior to moving to Kentucky, spent several years in Central Florida. In 2006, Samuella moved to Frankfort and has been residing here ever since. Ms. Daum is a graduate of The University of Memphis and holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychosocial Development. Her professional experience is diverse and includes professional writing, real estate, property management, retail management and commercial cleaning. Samuella's education and work experience play an important role in her qualifications as the Director but it's her relevant life experiences that make her *uniquely* qualified to address the subject of domestic violence and work with victims of family abuse.

For nearly 14 years, Ms. Daum was a victim of domestic violence and is all too familiar with the silence that victims are imprisoned by and the ultimate physical, emotional, and mental repercussions abuse causes. She is not shy about the subject of domestic violence, victims, or abusers. Rather, Sam is dedicated to exposing the truth about violent abusers, the cycle of abuse and the power and control abusers work so diligently to obtain. She has a heart for victims, empathizing with them and doing whatever she can to help them recover and undo the painful emotional, mental and physical state they've silently suffered in. Samuella is determined to continue bringing awareness to the citizens of Franklin County regarding the reality of domestic violence and how it impacts families, children, the elderly, relationships, and the community as a whole.

February 12th – Franklin County Women's Shelter

Homelessness Happens. When it does, the Franklin County Women's Shelter is glad to be around to help. We provide shelter, support, and services to homeless women and children in Franklin County and surrounding communities. The Shelter also provides services to community members who are at-risk of homelessness. Our transitional living center (TLC) houses women who can stay up to one year. Emergency shelter is provided through 30-day shelter beds and short-term hotel stays. We provide individualized case management to each woman in our housing programs with the end goal of self-sufficiency. The Shelter knows that homelessness doesn't just happen during regular office hours, so the Shelter operates a 24 hour information and referral hotline.

Speaker

Josie Kirker is the Executive Director of FCWS. Josie has bachelor's degrees in Social Work and Criminal Justice from Valparaiso University in Indiana. She worked for a few years after graduating in Cleveland as a social worker for abused children before moving to Louisiana to attend graduate school at LSU. From Baton Rouge, she moved to Austin, Texas where she became the Resource Coordinator for the Downtown Austin Community Court. She began work as the Program Director of a statewide AmeriCorps program after moving to Kentucky in 2006. Josie spent 3 years travelling the state and becoming familiar with resources and services available for individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Josie joined the FCWS staff in June 2009.

February 19th – Simon House

Originally started 25 years ago in 1987 as a maternity home, we have expanded over the years to a transitional living facility for homeless single mothers as well. The majority come to us due to an inability to gain stable housing or employment. We offer support and encouragement through housing, case management services, financial counseling, nutrition class, a parenting skills support group, education and anything else that would eliminate a barrier to a stable life for them and their children.

In the residential program in 2013, we housed 22 women and their 32 children. We also helped 484 former resident and community families with temporary material needs to avert homelessness. Additionally, we provided opportunities for 22 single mothers working with KY works to volunteer and be trained in a homelike business environment.

Our funding comes from an Emergency Solutions grant from Kentucky Housing Corporation (HUD funds), United Way and many individuals, churches and businesses. We also hold fundraising events to support our vision of a larger facility. We get at least one call a week requesting housing in our program, often more.

Speaker

Rev. Pamela C. McCalla, was ordained in July 1994 serving many churches in Lake Erie, Genesee Valley, Scioto Valley and West Virginia Presbyteries. After the loss of her husband in 2008, she moved to Kentucky to start a new chapter. In July 2010, she was hired as the Executive Director of Simon House. Pam enjoys the missionary work on the front lines with those in crisis. The stories of what humans will do to other humans are never ending. Our hope is to give a renewed sense of hope in humanity without enabling.

She has a son, Alan Eargle who lives with his wife and children in Mt Eden, KY. Her daughter, Lauren Eargle is a day care chef in Huntington, WV. Ben McCalla is graduating from University of Kentucky this spring. Her youngest, Sam McCalla, is currently attending KSU. Tony and Brutus (the miniature pincher) make life complete and very full.

February 26th – GreenHouse 17

GreenHouse17, formerly Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, nurtures lives harmed by intimate partner abuse. We are an advocacy agency committed to ending intimate partner abuse in families and the community. We safety plan, facilitate weekly support groups, provide housing assistance, and offer other supportive services to help victims rebuild their lives as survivors. Since our agency was established in July 2004, we have sheltered more than 2,500 adult victims of intimate partner violence and their dependent children at our shelter on a beautiful Bluegrass farm in rural Fayette County, Kentucky. Each year, we advocate for and serve about 5,000 additional victims who never reside in our shelter.

Our specially trained crisis counselors are available to help people harmed by intimate partner abuse any time of the day, every day of the year. Friends and family of victims are encouraged to call the hotline to learn how to help those in danger.

Speaker

Darlene Thomas is the Executive Director of GreenHouse 17. She has been the Executive Director for the past 9 years and worked in domestic violence for the last 20 years. She is a trainer for the University of Kentucky, School of Social Work Continuing Education Program in the field of Domestic Violence.